

### City Costs Here Show Largest Drop

Torrance was listed as one of three cities in Los Angeles County which showed a decrease in operating costs during the 1947-48 fiscal year as compared with the 1946-47 operating expenditure. Forty-one other cities mentioned in a report issued last week by the California Taxpayers Association, showed cost increases.

Besides Torrance, San Gabriel and Los Angeles costs went down. Torrance showed the greatest decrease, \$43,695 for a plunge of almost eight per cent. Los Angeles enjoyed a three per cent saving, San Gabriel saved a slim \$708.

### SEES PEERING TOM

A Gabriel Avenue resident told police Monday morning that a peeping Tom had been "making his rounds" of the 2200

## Law Requires Proof of New Students' Age

Because of two holidays in the week prior to the opening of most of the local schools, it is suggested by Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, Los Angeles county health officer, that parents who have children entering kindergarten for the first time this fall and who need proof of the child's age, obtain this proof as soon as possible.

Under the California State education code, when there are two semesters a year as Torrance schools have, children must be four and one-half years of age on or before February 1 prior to enrollment in the Spring term. Children who have not attended kindergarten but are enrolling in the first grade must be five and one-half years of age on that date.

Records of birth are kept on file by local public health departments in California.

### San Pedro DRIVE-IN-THEATER

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## Leaders Resign

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This is proof I believe that the right answer to such problems is ultimately and justly by the citizens of the community.

Councilman George C. Powell issued the statement: "I have just been informed of the cessation of the recall proceedings in Torrance. It is indeed an action that will be of great benefit to the city. The members of the council who have been able in the past to establish a sound financial status at the same time lowering taxes, establishing public improvements and raising salaries will appreciate this expression of confidence. I personally reiterate my statement at the time of my election. I will serve unselfishly the people of Torrance who bestowed this honor of representation upon me."

Councilman Haggard, a proponent of brevity in statements said: "I am glad this foolishness is at an end." Nick Dale, the only member of the council not named in the recall movement stated: "I have heard it expressed that the present city council is one of the finest in Torrance's history. This recent action of Bowman and Kail, a sort of vote of confidence from the people is proof of the point."

Bowman's and Kail's resignations put the recall movement in the "dying swan act" stage. The movement was born August 4 when Bowman and Kail launched a seven-pronged attack against Councilman Jackson and Haggard. The same charges were brought against Mayor Sherfy and Councilman Powell two weeks later. The councilmen each denied the charges brought against him by the Torrance Civic Betterment Committee. In general the charges claimed the four incumbents were guilty of "mismanagement" of city affairs.

A two week investigation into the records, reports and minutes of meetings by members of the Torrance Herald editorial staff indicated the charges were unfounded.

An editorial published in last week's Herald contained the findings of the 14-day investigation. This editorial, anti-recallers claim, was largely responsible for the break-up of the recall committee.

## RIVIERA VOTERS MAY REACH 1000--MASON

A potential 1000 registered voters in Hollywood Riviera was predicted recently by Commander William A. Mason, president of the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association. Mason, also deputy registrar of voters for the precinct, revealed that there are now approximately 600 registered voters in the precinct. Pointing to the 156 new apartments now under construction, he voiced the opinion that the area would reach the 1000 mark by next spring.

"City officials have stated that we now have the largest precinct in Torrance, population-wise," commented the retired Naval officer. If we do reach the 1000 mark, it may mean that two or more precincts will be created in the area, suggested Mason.

"It is generally agreed by county officials that a maximum of 300 registered voters in each precinct are all that can be comfortably handled by local election boards," explained Mason. At a recent meeting of the City Council, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett disclosed that county election officials are now undertaking the task of revamping some of the county's precincts. This will include the splitting of some of the larger precincts here in Torrance, Bartlett indicated.

The Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association capped a long-term grievance against the location of the buildings last week when the City Council approved their request for legal action.

## The Time Has Come...

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were once suspended from the City Water Department and twice dismissed as a Municipal Bus driver could be published.

Why is it Mr. Bowman, that you have repeatedly ignored and refused to answer the question put to you by this newspaper as to "Who are your backers?"

What is behind your reason for failing to identify the other six members of the so-called Torrance Civic Betterment Committee?

And of this Committee, what is its status? Is it a corporation, a joint venture, a co-partnership, a social club, or a political organization? Has it been incorporated or are the individuals in the group liable?

Here are some specific questions concerning the charges and accusations you have leveled against Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy, and Councilmen Bob L. Haggard, A. L. Jackson, and George C. Powell.

Is it not true, in spite of your charges to the contrary that City Manager George W. Stevens was LEGALLY appointed to that position under authority of ordinance No. 326.

Do you know that he is serving as (1) City Manager, (2) City Engineer, (3) City Purchasing agent at a salary far less than would be the total for all three jobs?

Does it not follow then that the city is not spending \$3660 a year needlessly as you claim but that actually the city is saving as much as \$5000 yearly or perhaps even more by so employing a civil engineer as city manager as is the case with Mr. Stevens?

Did you know that the City Attorney has rendered the opinion; "... there was nothing illegal, under either the Charter or the Ordinance, insofar as the appointment of Mr. Stevens is concerned."

How can you claim that Mr. Haggard and Mr. Powell are "guilty of 'illegally' hiring Mr. Stevens when neither of these gentlemen were members of the city council at the time?"

Did you look at the report by the city auditor before you charged that the airport is not providing substantial income as it was once capable of doing? Obviously not or you would have discovered that in 1948-49 the income was \$1,136.17 as against \$915.19 the year before.

Did you look into the record and find that Mr. Haggard did NOT make the recommendation to pave Juniper avenue as you indicate and that he did not even vote on the matter?

Why did you not point out in your charges that Yukon avenue, 203rd street, Border avenue, Sepulveda boulevard, Eshelman avenue, 244th street, and Monte De Oro were paved under the same program as that followed in the paving of Juniper avenue?

Can you truthfully say that the singling out of the paving of Juniper avenue on which Mr. Haggard had financial interests was not a deliberate attempt to slur him in the public eye?

Did you know that the paving of Hawthorne boulevard was accomplished through the spending of STATE funds and NOT city funds as you insinuate?

And further more did you know that the increased expenditure, which you claim was illegal, amounting to \$3975 was ORDERED and paid by the state and not by the city council?

Were you aware of the fact that the reason the state ordered the city to increase the thickness of the paving of Hawthorne boulevard was to take advantage of a very favorable low bid for asphalt paving?

Did you have at hand the figures which show that the job actually cost \$1,332 less than the contractor's own estimate of the job and \$13,176 less than the engineer's own estimate of the cost? Is it not true that George Downing, said to be a member of the recall movement is a member of the Civil Service Commission?

It is ironical, is it not, that the city council acted on recommendations from this same Civil Service Commission of which Downing is a member.

Why not admit, Mr. Kail, that you were dismissed from your employment with the bus department on Jan. 10, and that your charge that the bus department is operating at a loss is nothing more than a "political curve."

Have you really investigated and compared records to discover that actually the bus line is giving more frequent and better service on more routes and with newer equipment than ever before in the line's history?

If you would have looked at the city auditor's report a matter of public record, you would find that the bus department NEVER has operated at a profit — it is operated as a public service, not as a money-making scheme. In spite of this the operating loss last year was decreased \$2,777.75 from that of a year ago.

Why not admit, Mr. Bowman and Mr. Kail, that you gave Mr. Boris Woolley, one of the city's leading attorneys, "slanted" facts in asking him to prepare the charges against the mayor and three councilmen?

Why not admit to the people that you were ill-informed yourself and correct a condition that may cause the city of Torrance to spend needlessly from \$6000.00 to \$8000.00 to hold a recall election in face of a head-on clash with hundreds and hundreds of Torrance Citizens?

In view of the fact that we have investigated all of your charges and found them, without single exception, to be erroneous we offer to point out in detail to the members of your committee these inaccuracies.

Since your charges are a direct "slur" on the character and reputation of four men who have done much to lift this city up by its boot straps, the Torrance Herald demands on behalf of the citizens of this community that you retract your statements and drop this unwarranted action now!

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